

Dear Sir/Madam,

It is imperative we keep at least the current amount and sizes of Marine Parks, Marine Protected Areas surrounding Australia, and the strict legislation to protect them. Midwater trawling and Long lining are unacceptable in these areas and will have dire consequences.

I reject the proposal to remove Vema and Shark Reefs, the halving of the Coral Sea, Marion Reef and Osprey Reef protected areas. It is appalling that it is even considered.

Our oceans are at great risk and Australia is in a position to show the rest of the world the beginning of best practice care of the part we have responsibility for. Reject these poorly thought out proposals and leave a legacy our children and grandchildren will need to survive.

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